

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 250 through 254, 258, 261, 262, 265 through 278, 281, and 283 through 285, with Claims 250, 261, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, and 281 being independent. All claims were allowed. Claims 183 through 186, 188 through 209, 223 through 226, 228 through 249, and 287 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 250, 261, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, and 281 have been amended.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting on September 21, 2006, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the proposed interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,547,187 B2 ("Foster '187"), as well as possible amendments to the claims.

COMMENT RE EXPIRATION OF 6,209,823 AND CANCELLATION OF CLAIMS

As previously advised, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 183 through 186, 188 through 209, and 223 through 249 were copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 7 through 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,209,823 ("Foster '823"), and Claims 250 through 289 were copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, and 18 through 30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,187 B2 ("Foster '187"); however, as discussed at the September 21, 2006 interview, according to a search performed using the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's PAIR system, Foster '823 has expired for non-payment of maintenance fees. As a result, Applicant

respectfully submits that Foster '823 cannot be involved in an interference with the subject application, and therefore to simplify declaration of an interference with Foster '187, the claims copied from Foster '823 have been cancelled without prejudice.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.202

The following table shows how Claims 250 through 254, 258, 261, 262, 265 through 278, 281, and 283 through 285 were copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, and 18 through 30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,187 B2 ("Foster '187"):

TABLE

subject application claims	<u>Foster</u> '187 claims
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FURTHER REMARKS

Instead of declaring an interference between the subject application and Foster '187 as desired by Applicant, the August 22, 2006 Notice of Allowance allowed the subject application. The foregoing is respectfully traversed, and the non-declaration of interference is respectfully submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claims to include the proposed

amendments discussed at the September 21, 2006 interview. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has copied the claims from Foster '187 for the purpose of provoking an interference. Support for the copied claims and the identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course should the Examiner wish. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

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